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Multiple fire starts on the Vale District

Vale, Oregon – The Bureau of Land Management, Vale District, Monday June 10th. The Vale District experienced multiple lightning strikes in the western portion of the District resulting in multiple fires.

The biggest of the fires is **The Crowley Fire** and is located 5 miles due east of Stockade Mountain in Malheur County. Engine-crews bulldozers, water-tenders, hand crews and a helicopter have engaged the fire. Winds, last night, pushed the fire and it grew to over 3000 acres. Winds and terrain continue to affect the fire and by 10:00 am this morning the fire had grown to approximately 4500 acres. Additional resources have been ordered for this fire.

Weather prediction for today are for maximum temperatures of 72-79 degrees; minimum humidity between 16-21 percent; winds at 3-6 miles per hour, gusts to 20 miles per hour with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. .

The **South Fork Fires** (five small fires totaling approximately 1500 acres) is located on State Lands in Harney County near the South Fork of the Malheur River. BLM provides fire protection to State Lands in this area. Engine crews are fighting these fires and are making progress. Currently, engines and crews are holding the fires but if needed, additional resources will be ordered.

Air resources will be patrolling for additional fires that may be smoldering and have not been detected as winds this afternoon are expected to increase throughout the area.

For further information, or to report wildfires, please contact the Vale BLM Dispatch Center at 541-473-6295 or 1-800-982-0287.

Additional information about the BLM Vale District can be found by visiting the district website at www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale.

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